Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/01/15 : CIA-RDP80-00810A003500590008-1 25X1 CLASSIFICATION East Germany COUNTRY Military Information from Wittenberg TOPIC. **EVALUATION** PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED 20 January 1954 DATE PREPARED. REFERENCES PAGES ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE). REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1. 1. On 3 January 1954, the Beseler Kaserne in Wittenberg, the occupation of which increased by the arrival of recruits in December, was estimated to be occupied by more than 1,000 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The Flak Kaserne was estimated to be occupied as previously by more than 1,000 troops. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black enaulets with tank insignia. The installation also quartered troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. epaulets with motor transport insignia. 40 5A-64 armored scouters, 10 M-3 armored scout cars and 2 armored half-track vehicles. Ten to 15 40 BA-64 armoved scout 25X1. trucks mounting tripods were seen in the installation. Groups of 40 to 80 soldiers with machine guns, submachine guns and rifles daily marched to the training area. An undetermined number of troops received individual training in the barracks area. 3. The Tauentzien Kaserne was occupied by a headquarters unit which presumably was responsible for the whole post. Commanding officers of all columns arriving at the post first went to the Tauentzien Kaserne, reporting there with their papers and leaving a short time later. On 3 January, the installation was estimated to be occupied by more than 500 troops. Sentries observed wore redbordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Seven T-34/85 tanks and several M-3 armored personnel carriers were seen in the installation. A wooden shed for metorcycles was being constructed. The occupation of the Arado Installation presumably had decreased to an 25X1 estimated 200 troops on 3 January. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Four canvas-covered tanks were observed. other tanks were quartered in a newly erected wooden shed. Forty two-axle tank trailers were in the yard. railroad tank cars were shunted to the installation, where they were drained into 20 -liter fuel drums 25X1 25X1 5. In late December, the barracks installation in Apollensdorf was occupied by a new unit of an estimated 150 troops. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black and black epaulets. The unit was equipped with trucks with one-axle trailers. Six trailers were counted. CLASSIFICATION SECRET/

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